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JOINT EMBASSY/DAO MESSAGE

SUBJ: CAMBODIAN SIT REP

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. GENERAL MOBILIZATION. GOC TODAY ORDERED GENERAL MOBILIZATION. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DECREE:

A. "IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CAMBODIA, THE CHIEF OF STATE OF CAMBODIA HAS DECIDED TO APPLY THE FOLLOWING DECREE.

B. ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL MOBILIZATION IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, EFFECTIVE WITH THE PUBLICATION OF THIS DECREE. CAMBODIAN CITIZENS OF BOTH SEXES FROM 18 TO 60 SHALL JOIN THE DEFENSE FORCES OF THE NATION.

C. ARTICLE 2 - GENERAL MOBILIZATION IS AIMED AT FORMING NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES AND REQUIRES THAT CITIZENS EITHER PERFORM MILITARY SERVICE OR JOIN SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS.

D. ARTICLE 3 - IN TIME OF DANGER, ALL ECONOMIC RESOURCES CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE SHALL BE HANDED OVER TO THE NATION ACCORDING TO REQUISITION REGULATIONS.

E. ARTICLE 4 - ALL PERSONS SERVING IN DEFENSE OF THE COUNTRY WILL BE SUBJECT TO MILITARY LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND WILL ANSWER TO MILITARY TRIBUNALS.

F. ARTICLE 5 - PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PRESENT DECREE-LAW WILL BE DETERMINED BY AND NOTICES ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOLLOWING PROPOSALS BY THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

G. ARTICLE 6 - THE PRESENT DECREE IS DECLARED URGENT ." END UNCLASSIFIED. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THE FEELING ON THE PART OF SOME CAMBODIANS THAT GOC HAD NOT PRESENTED SENSE OF URGENCY TO POPULACE. THIS APPARENTLY IS PARTIAL REPLY TO SUCH VIEWS. EFFECT, OF COURSE WILL, DEPEND ON IMPLEMENTATION.

2. CAMBODIAN DELEGATION TO APU. CAMBODIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS PLANNING TO SEND A 6-MAN DELEGATION TO THE ASIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN UNION MEETING IN TAIPEI. MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION INCLUDE

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DUOC RASY, KEUKY LIM AND TAN KIM VOUN. ALL PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY'S "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE". KEUKY LIM STUDIED IN THE US AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH; HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE. DUOC RASY SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH; HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE JUDICIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE. TAN KIM VOUN DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. DELEGATION WILL LEAVE ON JUNE 28.

3. CODELS.

A. 11 OF THE 12 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE PHNOM PENH MID-DAY JUNE 26. THEY WILL BE MET BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHO WILL ALSO HOST INFORMAL DINNER FOR THEM.

B. AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN DELEGATION SCHEDULED TO VISIT CAMBODIA JULY 5-8. THEIR MISSION SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE US CODEL.

4. DIPLOMATIC NOTES.

A. GOC WILL SEND DELEGATION WHICH WILL VISIT NEAR EAST AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO EXPLAIN AND TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR GOC POSITION. THEY EXPECT TO LEAVE PARIS FOR MISSION DURING SECOND WEEK OF JULY.

B. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. TRAN VAN PHUOC PRESENTED HIS "LETTRES DU CABINET" ACCREDITING HIM AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRS A.I. OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN CAMBODIA. AT THE SAME TIME TRAN VAN PHUOC PRESENTED LETTERS TERMINATING THE "PERMANENT LIAISON MOSSION" AND THOSE OF THE FORMER HEAD OF THE MISSION, AMBASSADOR PHAM HUY TY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. MILITARY. (FOLLOWING PROVIDED BY FANK J-2).

A. IN KOMPONG THOM TOWN THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING PAST 24 HOURS. ARVN HELICOPTERS COMPLETED MOVE OF REINFORCEMENTS AS PLANNED. REMAINDER OF REINFORCEMENTS MOVING BY ROAD CONTINUE TO BE DELAYED BY ROAD INTERDICTIONS. THERE IS STILL NO ETA FOR THIS LATTER GROUP.

B. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IN PREK TARMK VILLAGE. ENEMY

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FORCES RETAIN CONTROL OF THE TOWN.

C. IN KOMPONG SPEU TOWN DURING THE NIGHT OF JUNE 24-25 THERE WAS MINOR HARASSING FIRE.

D. KOMPONG CHAM TOWN APPEARS SECURE FOR THE MOMENT, DUE TO WITHDRAWAL OF SEVERAL ENEMY ELEMENTS TOWARDS PEAM CHILEANG NORTH OF KOMPONG CHAM TOWN. IN ADDITIONAL SEVERAL FRIENDLY ELEMENTS ARE PRESENT IN AREA.

E. LOVAK (VU7310), SITE OF CAMBODIAN MUNITIONS DEPOT, HAS BEEN UNDER CONTINUOUS MORTAR AND GROUND ATTACKS SINCE EARLY MORNING HOURS. RESULTS OF FIGHTING AND FRIENDLY AND ENEMY CASUALTIES ARE UNKNOWN.

F. ODONG (VU7306) TOWN WAS ATTACKED DURING NIGHT JUNE 24-25 BY ESTIMATED VC/NVNA BATTALION. REINFORCING BATTALION WAS DISPATCHED BY FANK FROM THE NORTHWEST BUT WAS STOPPED BY ENEMY AMBUSH APPROXIMATELY 8 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF TOWN. A SECOND REINFORCING BATTALION WAS SENT FROM PHNOM PENH MORNING JUNE 25. THERE WERE TWO FANK KILLED; FANK CLAIMS 20 ENEMY KILLED AND 1 ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADE LAUNCHER AND ONE SMALL ARMS CAPTURED.

G. BECAUSE OF DECREASING LEVEL OF ENEMY ACTIVITY AROUND PHNOM PENH DURING PAST FEW DAYS, FANK G-2 CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS NO ENEMY THREAT TO THE CITY.

6. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

PRESS BRIEFING. AT MORNING PRESS BRIEFING, BRIEFER ANNOUNCED THAT ROAD (ROUTE 4) TO KOMPONG SOM IS OPEN TO TRAVEL. (EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER'S PERSONAL VEHICLE ARRIVED IN PHNOM PENH TODAY FROM KOMPONG SOM). SOME BRIDGES DESTROYED, BUT DETOURS HAVE BEEN BUILT. BRIEFER STATED THAT ROUTE 1 TO SVAY RIENG AND ROUTE 6 AND 7 TO KOMPONG CHAM ARE OPEN. HE STATED IT WAS ALSO POSSIBLE TO GO TO KAMPOT AND TAKEO TOWNS BY CAR.

7. PSYWAR. AKP CARRIES ARTICLE ENTITLED, "ENEMY MORALE" WHICH STATES THAT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY RESIDENTS INDICATES A FALL-OFF IN ENEMY MORALE. AT PEAM CHILEANG AT AN UNKNOWN DATE VC/NVNA ELEMENTS COMING FROM CHHLENG TO REINFORCE TONLE BET MET SOME 50 GRAVELY WOUNDED OF THEIR COMRADES. THESE ADVANCING

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ELEMENTS, ACCORDING TO AKP, KNOWING THEIR FATE IN ADVANCE, THREW DOWN THEIR ARMS AND REMAINED WITH THE WOUNDED. AKP ALSO STATES BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THE GRAVELY WOUNDED HAVE MET WITH, THESE WOUNDED HAVE BEEN DISCREETLY EXECUTED AND BURIED BY THEIR COMRADES. AKP FURTHER REPORTS THAT AFTER BEING AT PREK SANDEK AND AT HANCHEY WHERE STRAFING AND BOMBING SURPRISED THE ENEMY AND INFLECTED HEAVY DAMAGE, THE ENEMY WAS ATTACKED BY OUR INHIBITANTS.

8. SIHANOUK AND ANGKOR. ACCORDING TO FBIS REPORTS FROM PEKING ON JUNE 25, FUNK ISSUED STATEMENT CONCERNING "ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR AND HISTORICAL RELICS OF CAMBODIA BY THE US IKJOERIALISTS AND THEIR SAIGON, BANGKOK AND PHNOM PENH LACKEYS." NOTEWORTHY IS THAT STATEMENT DOES NOT DENY THAT TEMPLES OCCUPIED. (EARLIER FUNK STATEMENT SAME DAY DENIES THAT LIBERATION ARMY FORCES IN TEMPLES. IT IS OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ADMIT TEMPLES OCCUPIED BY VC/NVNA, AS THEY ARE) WE ARE THUS LEFT IN THE TEMPLES OCCUPIED BY FORCES CLAIMED BY NO ONE. NEITHER DOES STATEMENT STATE THAT FUNK WILL RESPECT ANGKOR TEMPLES. STATEMENT SPECIFICALLY REJECTS RIGHT OF ANY THIRD COUNTRY OR ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO "INTERFERE IN CAMBODIA UNDER THE DECEPTIVE PRETEXT OF PROTECTING CAMBODIA'S HISTORICAL RELICS." END UNCLASSIFIED.

9. KREK PLANTATION. FRENCH OFFICIALS OF KREK PLANTATION PLAN TO CLOSE PLANTATION AS RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF ARVN TROOPS FROM AREA. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOLD THAT ARVN REMOVED ALL TRUCKS AND REMOVABLE EQUIPMENT WHEN THEY LEFT. REMOVAL, HOWEVER, WAS DONE PROPERLY AND PLANTATION GIVEN RECEIPTS FOR ITEMS TAKEN. RIVES

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